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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

7 JEFFREY SHAWN HENDERSON,

8 Petitioner, No. CIV S-04-1341 GEB CMK P

9 vs.

10 MIKE KNOWLES, Warden,

11 Respondent. ORDER

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13 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no
14 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d
15 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at
16 any stage of the case “if the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing
17 § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of justice would be
18 served by the appointment of counsel at the present time.

19 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner’s February 16, 2007
20 request for appointment of counsel is denied without prejudice to a renewal of the motion at a
21 later stage of the proceedings.

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23 DATED: March 7, 2007.

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26 CRAIG M. KELLISON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE